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FM AMEMBASSY CAPE TOWN

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AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

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SUBJECT: SCHWARZ ASSUMES LEADERSHIP OF NEW PARTY

REF:CAPE TOWN 0174

1. SHORTLY AFTER EXPULSION FROM UNITED PARTY (UP) PARLIAMENTARY CAUS, FEB 12, HARRY SCHWARZ TENDERED RESIGNATION TO UP AND IMMEDIATELY ASSUMED ROLE OF NATIONAL LEADER OF NEWLY CREATED REFORM PARTY (RP). IT NOW APPEARS THAT NEW GROUP, WHICH WAS CREATED DAY BEFORE SCHWARZ' EXPULSION, HAD RECEIVED CLEAR INDICATION FROM HIM THAT HE WOULD LEAD IT. AS EXPECTED, FCHWARZ WAS FOLLOWED INTO RP BY FORMER UP MPS VAN RENSBURG, ENTHOVEN AND DALLING, AND SENATOR BRIAN BAMFORD. HOWEVER, NO OTHER MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT HAS FOLLOWED SUIT.

2. NEW PARTY APPARENTLY MEETING WITH WIDE ACCEPTANCE AMONG SCHWARZ SUPPORTERS IN TRANSVAAL AND DISAFFECTED UP REFORMISTS IN CAPE PENINSULA AREA. ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PRESS IS GIVING HEAVY
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PLAY TO EACH NEW DEFECTION OF LOCAL UP PARTY ACTIVISTS.

3. CONGENOFF DURBAN REPORTS LITTLE PUBLIC INTEREST IN NEW PARTY IN NATAL, WHICH TENDS TO CONFIRM OUR SUSPICION THAT, TO DATE, RP IS LARGELY PHENOMENON OF WITWATERSRAND AND CAPE TOWN. MAJOR TASK OF PARTY, WHICH NOW BALLYHOOING ITS COMING RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN, WILL BE TO BREAK OUT OF LIMITED BEACHHEADS IN ATTEMPT TO GAIN POPULAR SUPVORT ETSEWHERE.
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